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SUBJECT: PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

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- 1. AUSTRALIAN DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARDS HAD BRIEF DISCUSSION WITH DCM ON PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON REFUGEES AT AUGUST 16 LUNCH. EDWARDS REFLECTED VIEWS OF AUSTRALIAN OFFICIALS AS REPORTED REFTEL IN INDICATING SUPPORT FOR A SMALL, UNPUBLICIZED MEETING ON REFUGEES TO COINCIDE WITH BANGKOK VISIT OF HIGH COMMISSIONER IN SEPTEMBER. HE ENVISAGED ATTENDANCE BY REGIONAL COUNTRIES AND COUNTRIES PROVIDING RESTITLEMENT AT OFFICIAL OR SUB-MINISTERIAL LEVEL.
- 2. WHEN ASKED ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR A LARGER CONFERENCE THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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MIGHT INCLUDE POTENTIAL RESETTLEMENT COUNTRIES AS WELL AS THE PRESENT RECEIVING COUNTRIES, EDWARDS SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD FRENCH WERE STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THE IDEA. SINCE FRANCE WAS ONE OF MAJOR RESETTLEMENT COUNTRIES, HE COMMENTED, IT WOULD SEEM UNWISE TO JEOPARDIZE CONTINUED FRENCH COOPERATION IN DOUBT-FULLY PRODUCTIVE QUEST FOR NEW RESETTLEMENT COUNTRIES. HE ASKED WHAT ASSESSMENT USG HAD MADE OF FRENCH ATTITUDE TOWARD CONFERENCE.

DCM REPLIED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW BUT WOULD INQUIRE OF WASHINGTON.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ON FRENCH ATTITUDE THAT COULD BE PASSED ON TO AUSTRALIANS HERE. KNEIP

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